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## October 2008 Newsletter

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### *Celebrating 21 Years!*

I started this agency October 1st 1987 – 21 short years (and about half a present lifetime) ago. I took that little break from late 2005 to this year to work at the Coroner's Office. I like to think of that as a sabbatical to expand the learning and experience of Death Investigation that I began in 2002. I am energized about my return to the private investigative and legal communities!

- Important Dates
- Special Announcement
- Association Memberships
- This Month's Focus – Speaking and Writing Opportunities

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

OCT – 13th-19th (closed – Columbus Day and Anniversary Vacation)

NOV – 11th (closed – Veterans Day)

27th & 28th – (closed – Thanksgiving Holiday)

#### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

Karen and I are going to be first time grandparents! The due date was my birthday, which I would have been proud to share, but it has now been changed to a couple weeks later - a New Years Baby Girl. Jeberly and Scott are very excited and we are all looking forward to our growing family!

#### **ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS**

As with all professions, investigators also have associations that are specialized and beneficial – there are the good and the bad. Our current memberships include The National Association of Medical Examiner's [NAME], Evidence Photographers International Council [EPIC] and The International Association of Identification [IAI]. We have rejoined the Professional Private Investigators Association of Colorado [PPIAC] and will be submitting our application to the National Association of Legal Investigators [NALI]. These are all highly regarded associations for professionalism, training and networking. I am presently looking at investigative membership into the respective Colorado and Larimer County Criminal Defense associations.

The NAME is a highly recognized association for Forensic Pathologists with sponsored affiliate memberships for investigators and scientists in related fields. This affiliate membership has been active since 2004 with sponsorship by Stephen Cina MD, presently of the Broward County Florida Medical Examiner's Office. The EPIC is an association that

primarily promotes professional forensic photography and training. This membership has been active since 2002. I am presently working on a training video for forensic death and crime scene photography. The IAI is a highly regarded association consisting of professionals from the law enforcement, scientific and investigative communities that specialize in the collection, processing and identification/analysis of evidence. This membership has been active since 2003 and I am presently working on the necessary requirements for formal certification in fingerprint identification / comparison and crime scene investigation. In 2007 I published a white paper detailing the collection and examination of fingerprints to identify a decedent in a commercial woodchipper accident (*on our website*).

The NALI is a highly respected private investigative association with strict membership requirements and bylaws. This association reserves membership to investigators in civil plaintiff/defense and/or criminal defense that must be recommended by at least four attorneys or law firms in these specialties. I will be the only NALI member in the northern Colorado area. The PPIAC also has strict membership requirements and bylaws, modeled similarly to the NALI. I let this membership lapse in 2005 and have rejoined effective in September. There are presently nine agencies in Larimer County and the immediately surrounding area and we are the senior member in terms of investigative hours. Our agency is the only agency specializing in Wrongful Death, have a death investigation background, and the only Personal Injury agency with a law enforcement background. We are also one of two with law enforcement backgrounds assisting with Criminal Defense.

Our most important qualities, not found in any association membership, are reputation and experience. Our return to the investigative and legal communities has been successful because of our reputation, experience and work ethic. Your renewed confidence and referrals reflect your appreciation of these qualities. Thank you!

### **SPEAKING AND WRITING OPPORTUNITIES**

In previous years I spoke and wrote extensively on individual locates and backgrounds. If you know of a group or organization that could benefit from a presentation or feature article, please contact us to review the desired topic and availability. We would look forward to addressing personal injury and death investigation, interviews and statements, assessing and documenting scenes, photography and videography, evidence, documenting bodily injuries and documenting workplace accidents, and related topics.

*We are available every day, 24 hours, for your investigative needs  
and always available for no-fee case consultations.*

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Sincerely,



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